# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

# August 31, 2021

A special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 8081 Old Hwy 90, Orange, Texas. Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, and the suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings statutes by Governor Greg Abbott, this special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in person and by telephone conference call. Also, due to the social distancing orders and recommendations issued by federal, state and local authorities, and for the safety and welfare of the public and Drainage District staff, members of the public were allowed to attend and fully participate in the meeting in person or by telephone conference call, by calling the toll-free number and entering the access code provided, as set forth in the Notice of Meeting.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Russell Covington

Director, Precinct No. 1

Hal LaPray

Director, Precinct No. 4

## **DIRECTORS PRESENT BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL:**

Larry Ancelot, Jr.

Director, Precinct No. 2

James Scales

Director, Precinct No. 3

#### **DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**Brent Peveto** 

Director At Large

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Carona

General Manager

Austin Barrow

Assistant General Manager

Cindy Pent

Recording Secretary

Martin Dies

Attorney (By telephone conference call)

#### MEETING OPENED

Mr. LaPray called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Barrow led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **VISITORS:**

Harold Boozer and Nathan Byerly addressed the Board regarding the proposed tax rate.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Public Hearing on the District's proposed tax rate for Fiscal year 2021-2022 was opened for discussion. Mr. Carona noted that the District published a Notice of Public Hearing in the County Record Newspaper on August 18, 2021, and the Notice of Public Hearing was also placed on the District's website. There were two members of the public who participated in the Public Hearing.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINOR PLAT OF TWENTY-THIRD INVESTMENTS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE OFFICE MANAGER TO SIGN SAID PLAT, BY PERMISSION, FOR EACH DIRECTOR

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Minor Plat of Twenty-Third Investments located in the City of Bridge City, Orange County, Texas and to authorize the Office Manager to sign said Plat, by permission, for each Director. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINOR PLAT OF SAYLORS BAY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF VIDOR, ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE OFFICE MANAGER TO SIGN SAID PLAT, BY PERMISSION, FOR EACH DIRECTOR

Mr. Covington made a motion to approve the Minor Plat of Saylors Bay located in the City of Vidor, Orange County, Texas and to authorize the Office Manager to sign said Plat, by permission, for each Director. Mr. Scales seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT STAFF TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE STUDY FOR LICATINO RV PROJECT, TO BE LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF OLD HWY 90 BETWEEN SOUTH NAQUIN AND TULANE ROAD IN ORANGE, TEXAS, PREPARED BY STEPHANIE D. WHITE, P.E., DATED AUGUST, 2021

Mr. Covington made a motion to table consideration and action concerning the Drainage Study for Licatino RV Project, to be located on the south side of Old Hwy 90 between South Naquin and Tulane Road in Orange, Texas. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **BOARD ADJOURNS**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Covington made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ancelot seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Hal LaPray

Vice President

Cindy Pent

Recording Secretary